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REMARKS:

Proposed changes to claims and web page printouts supporting terms used in claims attached for discussion purposes tomorrow at 10am.

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Claims 40-46 would be canceled and claims 72-78 added:

72. (new) A candle composition comprising:

a first paraffin wax having a first melting point;

a second paraffin wax having a second melting point lower than the first melting point, the first and second paraffin waxes forming a paraffin wax mixture;

10-83% wt. of a vegetable oil having no more than 0.3% wt. of the vegetable oil is free fatty acids, and the vegetable oil is present in greater percent by weight of the composition than the paraffin wax mixture.

73. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, wherein the paraffin wax mixture comprises between about 2-43% wt. of the candle composition.

74. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, further comprising a polymer, a fragrance oil and a dye.

75. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, wherein the first paraffin wax comprises 1-10% wt. of the total composition and the second paraffin wax comprises 1-32.5% wt. of the total composition.

76. (new) A candle composition according to claim 72, wherein said vegetable oil is hydrogenated.

77. (new) A candle composition according to claim 76, wherein said hydrogenated vegetable oil is cottonseed oil, soybean oil, or a combination thereof.

78. (new) A candle composition according to claim 77, wherein said hydrogenated vegetable oil is a blend of 88% wt. soybean oil and 12% wt. cottonseed oil.